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Softball squad prepares for an early opening day



This year's varsity softball squad at Grayling High School – a team that has one doubleheader scheduled for this week and three series slated for the week of April 13-17 – will feature at least three players from each grade this year. **1B**

Soccer team focuses on 'hard work, winning every ball'



Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer team – a group that has strong overall player numbers with 22 – practiced outside for the first time last Thursday – four days before the squad's scheduled season opener. The Vikings started their official practices on Monday, March 9, conducting their preseason workouts indoors until late last week. **B**

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MDOT lays out I-75 Business Loop schedule as residents raise concerns

\$4.3 million project to start next week

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Explanations from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials for project staging and the ultimate benefits of the I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project were met with continued fears of funneling traffic lanes down through Grayling, missing potential tourism business and creating safety hazards.

About 70 Grayling area residents and business owners attended a pair of meetings hosted by MDOT's Grayling Transportation Center (TSC) staff at the Grayling City Hall last Wednesday.

The \$4.3 million MDOT project will include removing and replacing the existing pavement and concrete curbs and gutters. The City of Grayling's underground utilities, including storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water mains, will be replaced. New traffic signals will be placed at the M-72 East, Michigan Avenue and M-72 West intersections to improve traffic flow and safety. Filtration devices, to keep sediment and debris out of the AuSable River near the AuSable River Bridge, will be replaced and enlarged. New brick paved sidewalks, landscape planters and benches will be installed along the roadway.

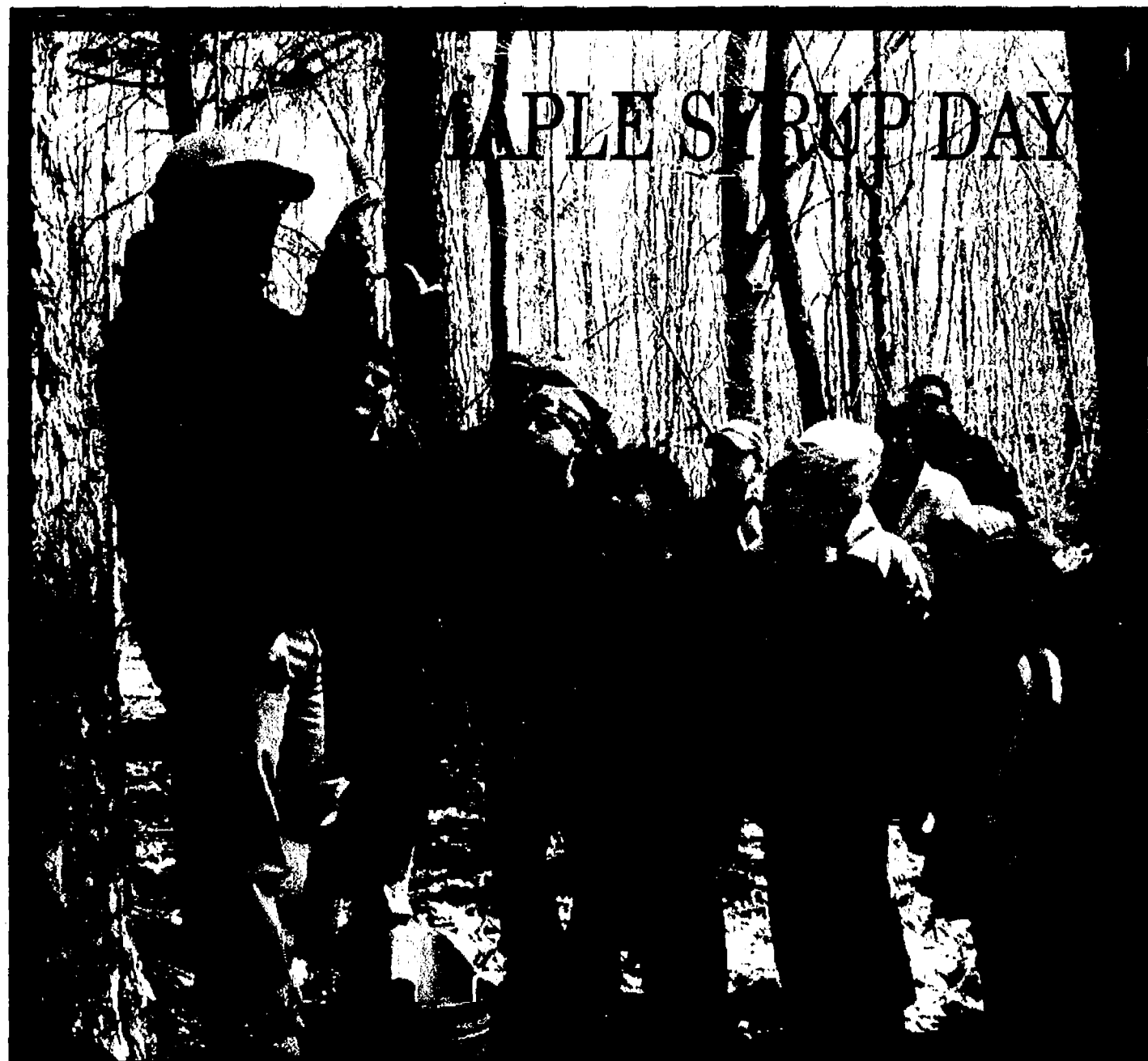
Bill Wahl, delivery engineer from MDOT's TSC, said the road has to be rebuilt from the bottom up. Stopping short of a total road rebuild would mean pavement collapsing, underground utilities failing and piecemealing repairs.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

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Park interpreter Craig Kasmer demonstrates the sap collecting process to a crowd of young visitors. This was a very productive maple syrup season for the park, with 14 tapped trees proving a steady flow of sugary sap.

Hartwick Pines gets an injection of flavor

"We've got about 14 trees tapped," said park interpreter Craig Kasmer.

GRA helps county fund new soccer fields

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Recreational Authority kicked up efforts to develop two soccer fields on county sports complex property last week.

The Grayling Recreational Authority agreed to contribute \$25,000 to Crawford County for the fields. The funds come from a stellar ski and tubing season at Hanson Hills.

The Crawford County Sports Complex is on the county's former fairgrounds property. In March, the Crawford County Board approved \$25,000 it budgeted to redevelop the former fairground property and an additional \$35,000 in economic development funds to create two soccer fields at the sports complex.

The fields will be used by the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association (CASA), which was founded in 2001, who currently hold their spring and fall youth soccer leagues at Hanson Hills. As many as 274 youngsters have participated in league play for a season. The organization also has a travel team for boys and girls ages 4 to 19.

CASA has outgrown the space at Hanson Hills and has a vision of hosting regional and state tournaments by utilizing Grayling Redskins fields. The Grayling Recreation Authority, which manages Hanson Hills, is planning to develop two softball fields where the soccer fields are located.

Mike Lange, chairman of the county board's ways and means committee and liaison to the Grayling Recreation Board, said he was pleased to see the board join hands with the county to move the soccer field development project forward.

"It is very nice and very generous for the Grayling Recreation Authority to partner with the county," Lange said. "It will be very good for all involved."

CASA has \$10,000 in a capital improvement fund to contribute towards the project. The \$95,000 in the coffers means that one soccer field can be completed, with excavating work starting this spring, and preparation for a second field can begin.

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Stories from the stool



Staff and students at the Grayling Elementary School capped off March reading month last Thursday with a Reading Fun Night at the school. Students started the night by eating pizza and then took part in games, demonstrations and stories in the classrooms. Above, Grayling Elementary School Librarian Karen E. Coe reads a book to students while perched on a stool and wearing a sweatshirt that says, "Full Time Bookie."

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Officials would like to see that number rise to make more homes available for children that get removed from their families due to abuse and neglect issues.

Ideally, the DHS prefers to place children in the care of their relatives so they do not have to be removed from their communities, schools, friends and churches. Relatives who provide foster care, however, still have to go through licensing and training to help a loved one.

"It especially hits close to home when it's someone in the family that is in treat-

ment or receiving services," said Martha Burns, the children's services supervisor for the DHS office in Grayling. "It minimizes the adjustment when they're placed outside of the home with someone they know, they love and someone that's going to keep their lives as consistent as possible."

Matt Soderquist, foster home licensing worker for the DHS office in Gaylord, said foster care homes can place limits on the number of kids they can take. They can also specify the age of the kids they will accept, ranging from infants just born to teenagers.

Soderquist said that DHS seeks foster care parents who can help address children with moderate to severe emotional and behavioral issues.

In addition, there is a need for foster care homes that can take in groups of siblings. For example, Soderquist said five boys were recently removed from a home in Otsego County and DHS officials strived to keep the siblings united.

"It's traumatic enough

that they're already being removed from their homes, but separating them from their siblings is worse," Soderquist said.

One common fallacy about foster care is foster care parents cannot be single and must be married, which is simply not true, Soderquist said. Foster parents can also have an apartment or rental home and are not required to own their own homes.

Adults interested in becoming foster parents can go through an initial three-hour orientation where they learn about foster care rules, office policies and procedures, the children they serve and the needs of the community. A formal application is then made, which includes a criminal background check of all people in the home and fingerprinting. The applicants then go through a 12-hour training called Parent Resources Information Development and Education (PRIDE), which is offered through DHS of Michigan State University Extension.

The applicant's homes are then inspected to make sure they are clean and well maintained. The water and septic services are also inspected by District Health Department officials to make sure they are safe and adequate.

Finally, foster care licensing officials visit with families to ensure they have adequate finances. They also strive to learn their social history.

"We try to make the best matches between foster parents and kids because we want to prevent placements from being disrupted and foster kids from being bounced from home to home," Soderquist said.

The Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange offers an informational and referral service for prospective adoptive parents interested in adopting children with special needs, and for adoption workers looking for homes for these children.

In addition, an Otsego County foster care parent designed a web site called fosterparentforum.com to support men who become foster care parents and relatives who offer foster care to family members.

An event called "Walk for Kids Care" will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 9, at Hanson Hills to raise awareness for the need for foster care homes. The motto for the 5k walk is "Make a Difference - One Child at a Time."

Tom Haskel, court administrator for Crawford County, said he is pleased that DHS officials are recruiting more local foster care homes rather than sending children to independent agencies which charge high daily supervision costs.

"They do a great job and it's a noble cause," Haskel said.

For more information about foster care, contact the Grayling DHS office at 348-7691 or the Gaylord DHS office at 732-1702.

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Meet the pinewood pro



After taking first place in the Webelos 2 division and winning the "Judge's Choice Award" at Grayling's pinewood derby three weeks ago, local cub scout J.C. Bertram recently swept the district competition in Clare last Saturday. He won the Webelos 2 division competition at the district level and took fourth place overall.

Commission on Aging starts programs to serve seniors

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) is seeking a number of community volunteers who are handy on the end of a hammer, wrench or rake.

In February, the COA mailed a Consumers Needs Assessment to 2,117 seniors age 60 and above in Crawford County. The mailing was based on current voter registration and COA records. A total of 15 percent of seniors who received the mailing participated in the survey.

Half of the respondents were in the age range of 65-74. The highest level of respondents - 18 percent - came from seniors with total household incomes ranging between \$32,491-\$50,000. Sixty eight percent of the respondents were below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, while 24 percent were below 125 percent

of the Federal Poverty Level. Seventy-six of the seniors answering the survey said they were independent or did not need help. A majority also said they rely on family, neighbors and friends for assistance.

Based on the survey, a Community Services Plan was developed by the COA Board. The plan covers services offered from 2010 to 2012.

Priorities that came to the top of the plan's list are creating volunteer programs to help seniors address minor and major home repairs and to help do yard work.

The home repair program will be modeled after a similar initiative done in the Grand Rapids area called "Tuesday Toolmen." Handymen will be recruited to be among a group of volunteers and will go out and help seniors with home repairs as needed.

"If you've got the talent,

and are just itching for a building project and like to help others, this program might be for you," said Alice Snyder, director of the COA.

The COA hopes to recruit groups and individuals for the program that will assist seniors with raking leaves and doing yard work. Snyder said Grayling High School students, who need to fulfill community service hours toward graduation, would be ideal for the new program.

"This would be a great way to get those community service hours in while providing a service to seniors that's much needed," Snyder said.

Each client would be eligible to receive assistance once per year unless additional resources are available.

Another unmet need identified through the survey was helping seniors with utility and heating bills. This past winter, Snyder said the

Crawford County United Way came forward to help some seniors with heating costs. Other programs and resources need to be identified to help seniors with utility needs.

Three years ago, finding adequate health insurance coverage and prescription coverage was a need that was identified by seniors. Snyder said that the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program and the Medicare Prescription Drug Program offered at the COA has helped hundreds of seniors with their medical needs. Snyder added that the AuSable Free Clinic, which serves the needy and uninsured, has also provided needed health care to seniors.

Grayling housing upgrades funded

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Housing Commission received a \$133,363 grant to upgrade apartment furnishings.

The Grayling Housing Commission, which operates the apartments located around the Grayling Senior Center, received the federal stimulus funds last week.

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) said 39 northern Michigan public housing authorities will receive more than \$5.4 million from the recently passed economic recovery package. The White House, along with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), last week, provided detailed information on which public housing authorities have been awarded funding through the Capital Fund Grant Program.

"This investment will help address the backlog of public housing projects across northern Michigan," Stupak said. "Not only will our public housing programs and those families they serve benefit, but the flow of this funding to local suppliers and contractors to complete these projects will inject millions into our local economy."

The economic recovery legislation will provide 122 Michigan public housing authorities \$54 million through HUD's Capital Fund Grant Program. Of that total, \$5.4 million will be awarded to housing authorities in Michigan's First Congressional District.

Jennie Hatfield, director of the Grayling Housing Commission, said the money will go toward replacing kitchen cabinets and carpeting in the apart-

ments. The Grayling Housing Commission Board was scheduled to meet to discuss the grant funding on Tuesday, April 13.

Hatfield said the stimulus funds will allow the carpet and cabinet replacement, which was included in the housing commission's five-year infrastructure plan, instead of delaying the upgrades.

"That's going to take a whole lot of money and there won't be very much left when we're done with that," Hatfield said.

The economic recovery package provided \$3 billion to 3,122 local housing authorities nationwide to address a backlog of previously under-funded capital improvement projects.

Allocated through an established formula, the funding will allow local housing agencies to address long-standing improvements to public housing units, create jobs and increase energy efficiency. HUD will soon make an additional \$1 billion available in capital funding to housing authorities.

HUD's Capital Fund Program provides annual funding to public housing authorities to develop, finance and modernize the public housing in their communities. This funding can also be used to make large-scale improvements, such as new roofs, and to upgrade plumbing and electrical systems to more energy efficient standards.

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

How many regular season games (out of 162) will the Detroit Tigers win this year?

0-60	61-80	81-100	101+
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This week's online poll question: Which Final Four team will win the 2009 NCAA men's basketball tournament?



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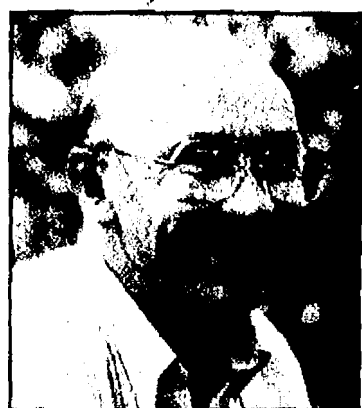
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Newspaper business turning upside down

WHAT'S HAPPENING to America's newspaper business is enough to cause an old man to cry. I'm talking about me.

In 1944, my first paycheck from a real newspaper - *The Coldwater Daily Reporter* in my home town - was for \$16, for 40 hours or more of selling ads, writing sports stories, and helping wherever needed, which included a couple of weeks putting the paper together so the editor could take a vacation.

News and ads were set in hot metal type on three linotype machines. The newspaper was printed each afternoon on a flat bed press which could print up to eight pages at a time. It was delivered throughout the city by boys on bicycles.

The news staff was one editor, one reporter, and one proof reader/society writer. A two-person ad staff, and the owner/publisher who presided over the business side of a bookkeeper and one office worker completed the white-collar side of the business. I was almost 17 when I started, and I have worked in or near the newspaper business for the past 65 years. These days it appears newspapers may end before I do.

Today big city newspapers are going into bankruptcy, or cutting staff and services, or reducing publication days and home delivery, or trying to move into electronic delivery, or all of the above, in attempts to stay alive and

remain relevant. It may be a losing battle.

IT'S PROBABLY only natural that Michigan - the hardest hit by economic downturns of any state - is in the forefront of newspaper survival problems.

The *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News* have curtailed publishing and home delivery. The *Ann Arbor News* is closing and starting an electronic based system of some sort still in development. The *Flint Journal*, *Saginaw News* and *Bay City Times* are reducing publication days. The company which operates *The Oakland Press*, *Royal Oak Tribune*, *Macomb Daily* and *Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun* among 20 daily and 150 weekly newspapers around the country has filed for bankruptcy.

Michigan is not alone in problem newspapers. The company which owns the *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Hartford Courant*, *Orlando Sentinel* and several other publications also is in bankruptcy.

The *Seattle Post Intelligencer* and *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver both have closed; they were offered for sale but found no buyer.

Almost every newspaper across the country, from the sainted *New York Times* and *Washington Post* all down the line, have cut staff and reduced salaries and employee benefits in efforts to stave off

financial crises.

Much of this misery can be traced to the national economy, especially the last 18 months or so when things have really spiraled downward.

OTHER FACTORS likely have contributed.

One is chain ownership. Traditionally newspapers have made money, and therefore have been good investments. There always have been newspaper chains, but the last 20 years or so have witnessed an explosion of national group ownership.

Competition to acquire newspapers inflated their true value. However, similar to home mortgage loans on a smaller scale, investment money usually was available, and many buyers took on large debts, which required continued or increased earnings from the papers they bought to service the debts.

When the economy started to slide, advertising revenues declined, and values of newspaper properties plummeted. As only one example, a 1989 investment of \$4,086 in what is now McClatchy newspaper stock was worth only \$49.98 a month ago. I know, because I made that investment.

Too often, under chain ownership a newspaper is treated as a profit center and not a community institution. The ever tightening squeeze for the bottom line has

lessened the quality of many chain newspapers, adding to the overall decline of newspaper worth.

ANOTHER CULPRIT has been the ever-developing world of the electronic world.

Electronic publishing did not sneak up on the newspaper world. Most of us recognized the potential of e-communication a dozen years ago. The problem we had then was trying to figure out a way to pay for it.

Today's rush of newspapers to the internet still faces the same problem. How can a web newspaper be profitable? There may be a key. It has not been perfected yet.

Most studies show young people find the newspaper irrelevant, if they find a newspaper at all; the conclusion is they get their information on the internet, which is why newspapers face potential death.

It strikes me, however, that today's electronic users do not turn to the web for immediate information, or news. Young people talk to each other, or look up something they might find useful at school or simply interesting. E-mailers are not looking for the day to day information a newspaper provides, like a school board meeting or city council session - which is to say, I guess, that newspapers can continue to have meaning.

JOURNALISM HAS not

changed much during my lifetime, but the newspaper business certainly has. To many an old timer, the business is almost unrecognizable.

The purpose of a newspaper always has been to provide news and information, under the premise that the people have both the right and the need to know what's going on in their community - with community defined in its broadest sense.

It's trite, perhaps, but true that the newspaper is a guardian and watchdog for the people. Radio and television generally have not been able to fill that role. Neither can bloggers or any other electronic development that I can conceive in my limited electronic understanding.

It's also interesting and perhaps significant, that all the newspaper problems cited above concern relatively big-city newspapers. The weekly newspaper and the small town daily - especially those with owners close to home - seem to be doing much better at riding out the economic storms and electronic assaults.

Maybe if e-publishing can find this sort of touch, and become more of a traditional e-newspaper, things will be all right in the end.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

And justice for all

To the editor:

The *Avalanche's* front page story on March 26 was concerning the automobile versus pedestrian fatality that occurred on Jan 17, 2007. The story reported that the driver did not have a valid driver's license, no insurance on the car and not even a valid license plate on the automobile. Witnesses said the driver had been consuming alcohol on and off since 1:30 p.m. A man is dead now because of this driver's blatant disregard for the law.

Now we find out that the Crawford County Prosecutor has struck a deal in these crimes. They agreed to drop the operating under the influence causing a death (which carried 15 years and possibly \$10,000 in fines). In exchange, a guilty plea was entered on the way lesser charges of no insurance and no driver's license. Those charges will result in a little over a year of jail time and about \$600 in fines. A man is dead.

Let me get this straight ... if I spent the afternoon in a bar drinking beer, came home and decided to go hunting, that would be just a chance I would have chosen to take. If while out in an illegal area hunting with an illegal gun, out of season

with no hunting license, and if I shot and killed another person that I "thought was a deer" and returned home to watch some TV, again, it would just be a chance I chose to take. If it was then discovered what had happened, would I, too, simply get a slap on the wrist? A man is dead.

A few more questions. Why did the driver responsible for this death waste any money and/or effort on an attorney? Sounds to me like the prosecutor represented the accused better than Johnnie Cochran did when defending O.J. Simpson.

We elected this prosecutor and we pay him with our tax dollars to prosecute. Does it sound like he is doing his job?

Is it just me, or is it a huge coincidence that the driver is from a large local family while the deceased was a "lesser known"?

How would you feel if you were a family member of the victim and saw what sentence the person responsible was to receive?

Is this justice? Or, simply politics in our small town at its very best?

A man is dead.

Marcia Royer
Grayling

Petitions for senior center are available

To the editor:

This petition that is being passed is available for all residents of Crawford County. It is to be placed on the ballot for all residents of Crawford County to vote either for or against the senior center to be placed in the old fish hatchery building. The building is now known as a Crawford County building, located at 4895 W. North Down River Road, in the City of Grayling.

This petition is for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds in the amount of, not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of renovations of the old fish hatchery building.

This renovation will exceed that amount and the commissioners know this.

Commissioner Mike Lange made a statement in the Feb. 12, 2009, edition of the *Avalanche* and I quote "The building is just sitting there and at some point in time it's going to fall to the ground if we don't do something with it." Commissioner Lange has been pushing for the old fish hatchery building all along.

I agree that we do need a larger facility. I do not agree, along with others, that

there isn't another option for the center. The VFW offered the property - free, that they own at the end of Madsen Street to build a new center. It would cost much less than the old fish hatchery building, approximately \$1,500,000 or less.

The Eagles building would cost \$1,100 to add on to and to bring in city water and sewer. The Eagles building is a newer facility, built in the early 1980s, and three blocks away from where the center is currently located. The Eagles is where many of the seniors go for different activities and special activities.

There might not be a millage for the first year, but you can bet that there will be one after the first year at the old fish hatchery building. The cost of heating such a large building, the maintenance, the insurance on the elevator and putting in a parking area will be big. It does not end.

Sign the petition if you are a registered voter in Crawford County. Vote either for or against putting the senior center in the old fish hatchery building. Your signature will place this petition on the ballot.

Vivian Powers
Grayling

Not everyone agrees with the "well thought out project"

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the letter written by Barbara Selesky in last week's paper.

Not everyone agrees that the "well thought out project" to move the Crawford County Senior Center to the old fish hatchery building is a good decision. There are too many who think that putting a large amount of money into that location is not a good idea.

Unfortunately, many of the seniors who have enjoyed the facilities at its current location have been given the impression that their opinions do not matter.

These people are the same ones who have sold hot dogs at Glen's and held many other fund-raisers over the years for the fund that, in part, will be used for this move.

My 84-year-old mother asked me to help obtain signatures on the petitions and I will continue to do so.

My feeling in the situation is that it should not be a decision made by a handful of commissioners. It should be put up for a vote by the community, which is exactly what the petitions are all about.

It gives the voters of Crawford County a say in the future of their senior center.

I'm sorry, but I don't see anything wrong with that.

Tracy Henning
Grayling

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Briefs

Partnership Rendezvous to be held

The 2nd Annual Partnership Rendezvous, hosted by the Watershed Art Project, will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Apollo's Lyre, 203 Michigan Avenue. Those interested in local fine art and the business of selling it are invited. A picnic, a short meeting and featured speaker Scott Wilson, owner of VADA Color in Traverse City, will present what his business has to offer in the reproduction of original artwork.

Kirtland College to host blood drive

Kirtland Community College will host a community blood drive at its main campus near Roscommon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, in the student center. Donors must be 17 years or older, in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Bring your Michigan driver's license, state ID card or Red Cross donor card. Walk-in donors are welcomed. To make an appointment, call 989-275-5000, extension 303.

COA to host Easter Dinner

The COA, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will hold an Easter Dinner on April 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meal will consist of honey glazed ham, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, pineapple medley, a dinner roll and dessert. The meal is open to the public. The cost is \$2.75 for those over age 60 and \$4.75 for those under 60. A salad bar is available for an additional \$1.25.

Historical Museum to hold meeting

The Crawford County Historical Museum will hold their regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall. The public is welcome to attend. The museum is looking for volunteers to work at the museum Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 348-2985. The public is welcome to attend.

COA to offer computer classes

The Grayling Senior Center will be offering a series of computer classes during the month of April and May. The April classes will be April 6 - Microsoft Windows, April 13 - Microsoft Windows, April 20 - creating free e-mail accounts and April 27 - digital photography. The cost for each session is \$10 and is due on the day of the class. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., with the class running from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Class size is limited to 10 per class. To register, call the center at 348-7123.

State retirees to hold meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

KCC to host annual nursing conference in Grayling

Kirtland Community College's Department of Health Careers is inviting area nurses and nursing students to its fourth annual spring conference, "Let's Talk Nursing," on Thursday, May 14, at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Grayling.

Cynde Kochensparger, nursing clinical coordinator at Kirtland, said the upcoming conference should be of particular interest for nurses from across Michigan, as the featured speaker is Jeannette Klemczak, the chief nurse executive of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"This will be of interest for nurses and nursing students no matter where they are," Kochensparger said. "Klemczak is going to tell us what's happening in nursing here in Michigan. She's going to update us on what she's doing at the state level and in our profession, where things stand in Michigan."

The one-day conference will begin at 8:15 a.m. on May 14, with registration and a continental breakfast from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and is scheduled to end at about 4:30 p.m.

This year's topics include: "Quality and Safety Education in Nursing Competencies," by Sally Decker; "The Exciting World of Pain Management:

WHAT'S NEW?" by Marcie Welker; "From Violence to Respect: The Search for Civility Among Nurses," by Ann Kettering-Simcox; and "When I was Your Age" by Gay Showalter.

Kochensparger said the conference is more than just informational and will help nurses and nursing students fulfill several goals. The spring conference will meet the Michigan State Board of Nursing's continuing education requirement for pain management. But, to earn certification, participants must attend the entire conference, as no partial credits will be granted.

"It is close to home and a great opportunity to network with nurses locally," Kochensparger added.

Cost to attend is \$35 per student or \$60 for a licensed nurse (either LPN or RN), if registering prior to Monday, April 27, and includes a continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch. The fee for licensed nurses increases to \$65 after April 28.

For more information, contact Kochensparger by calling 989-275-5000, extension 306, or via e-mail at kochenspargerc@kirtland.edu. Or visit online at www.kirtland.edu/academic/nur.htm and download a copy of the brochure regarding the May 14 conference.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 29 of \$25 each; Steve Brinks (2) and John Besonen.

Small-band jazz takes center stage at KCPA

The entertaining and energetic sounds of small-band jazz will return to the here-and-now at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, located on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon, when Ray Kamalay & his Red Hot Peppers take center stage for one show only 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 4.

The 1930s were the heyday of small-band jazz. In ballrooms across North America, jazz laced with exciting improvisation and ballads, melancholy and the blues, told stories of joy and tragedy, and provided rhythm for the feet of dancers of the two-step, the Lindy and the Swing. Kamalay & his Red Hot Peppers are reminiscent of that memorable era in musical entertainment.

With some of the finest jazz musicians from around the United States, they play this music with all its excitement and sentiment. The group has wowed audiences at some of the very finest venues, including Interlochen here in northern Michigan, Edinburgh and the Philadelphia Folk Festival.

Kamalay is the singer, guitarist and leader of the group. A Detroit native, Ray started playing professionally immediately after graduating from the University of Detroit in 1974. Even then he showed an unusual interest in both folk music and jazz.

Kamalay has worked in collaboration with many fine artists during his career, including Joel Mabus, James Dapogny, Johnny Frigo, Betty Joplin, the Chenille Sisters, Jethro Burns and Ralphie and Howard Armstrong. In 1997, his work with the Armstrongs was nominated for the W. C. Handy Award.

A student of the music, Kamalay lectures periodically at colleges with a talk called "Freedom, Slavery and the roots of American Music." His anecdotes are often highlights of the show.

Ticket prices for the April 4 performance are \$22 and \$20, and may be purchased in advance online or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office. Senior (55 or older), student and group discounts are available.

The Children's Learning Center, also located on Kirtland's campus, will be open from 6 p.m. till the end of the show to provide child care services - \$5 for one child or \$15 per family. Free shuttle service from the parking lot to the main lobby doors is also available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa or call the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777. The presentation of Ray Kamalay & his Red Hot Peppers is sponsored in part by WCMU Public Broadcasting.

Golf scramble to raise money for football program

Registration is now open for the 2009 Grayling Football Golf Scramble - an annual event that helps raise money for the Grayling High School football program. The golf outing will be held at the Grayling Country Club on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. The cost to participate is \$240 per team (four people). The fee includes 18 holes of golf in a scramble format, dinner and raffle prizes.

"All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High School football program. The money raised will be used on football supplies and to purchase

equipment that will help us build a successful program," event organizers said.

To register for the 2009 Grayling Football Golf Scramble, send a list of your team's four players to Ben Brock, Grayling High School, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling MI, 49738. Be sure to designate a team captain and include the captain's phone number with your team roster. Make checks payable to "Grayling Football."

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Brock (989-387-4479) or Rocky Tobin (348-5722).

Soil testing offered

Whether it's for your garden, lawn or field crops, the Crawford County MSU Extension suggests soil testing.

Test results will show levels of phosphorus, potassium and the soil's pH.

An MSU Extension Educator will then make recommendations for specific nutrient or lime requirements to meet the needs of the types of plants that will be grown.

The cost is \$16. For more information, contact the Crawford County MSU Extension Office at 989-348-3264.

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This location will be in the office of Grayling Family Practice Clinic, located at 1010 W. North Down River Road, next to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. Scheduling for these procedures can be made by a health care provider through our Petoskey office at (231) 487-3970.



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The Bible Speaks

Coming Ice Age?

Paul Walsh wrote in the January 13, 2009, issue of the StarTribune in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota: "Earth is, 'on the brink of entering another Ice Age' that will last for the next 100,000 years, reports the Russian Pravda Online newspaper, attempting to counter the widespread view that human activity is contributing to an unwanted and dangerous warming of the planet."

"Based on a 'large and compelling body of evidence from within the field of climate science,' Pravda reports this week, 'many sources of data which provide our knowledge base of long-term climate change' indicate that the current 12,000-year-long warming trend is coming to an end." "Pravda points to three astronomical 'Milankovich cycles' for the coming cool-down: The tilt of the Earth... The shape of the Earth's orbit... (and) The Precession of the Equinoxes." Walsh also said, "Erik Brown, a professor of geological sciences at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, today character-

ized the report as telling a 'rather sensational story.' " "Since the late 1970s, the Milankovich theory has remained a predominant explanation to account for Ice Age causation among climate scientists. Pravda then went on to outline the widespread campaign to counter so-called global warming and the prevailing thought that human activity is dangerously warming the planet." Walsh said.

"The main flaw" in the thinking behind global warming, Pravda says, "is that its proponents focus on evidence from only the past 1,000 years at most, while ignoring the evidence from the past million years -- evidence which is essential for a true understanding of climatology." Walsh quoted. Chelsia Schilling also writing on the same report in the January 14, 2009, issue of the World Net Daily said: "The report claims the popular global warming trends many scientists have accepted as truth are reversing." She quoted the report: "However, this warming trend was interrupted when the winter of 2007/8 delivered the deepest snow cover to the Northern Hemisphere since 1966 and the coldest temperatures since 2001," it states. "It now appears that the current Northern

Hemisphere winter of 2008/09 will probably equal or surpass the winter of 2007/08 for both snow depth and cold temperatures." Schilling added: "As WND recently reported, world temperatures have dropped to levels not seen since 2000. The year 2008 has been documented as the coolest year of this century."

God said in Genesis 8:22: "22While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." "...Thou hast made summer and winter." (Psa. 74:17). Global politicians can't agree on climate change, but they still want more taxes and more control of our lives to alter it. Will half the world heat things up to prevent an ice age, and the other half cool things down to prevent global warming? "...Lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jer. 8:9). "22Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." (Rom 1:22). The middle verse of the Bible says: "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



Jack D. Beckwith

Jack David Beckwith, 77, of Grayling, formerly of Pickford, passed away on March 25, 2009, at his home.

He was born March 26, 1931, in Philo, Ohio, the son of Vernon Difford and Emma Myra (Hodgson) Beckwith.

He grew up in Philo, Ohio, where he graduated from high school.

He served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Kincheloe Air Force Base near Pickford when he met Ruth O'Brien. They were married July 3, 1954, at the Pickford Presbyterian Church.

After completing his military service, he worked for the Pickford Creamery and Kimberly Clark before starting his 33 year career with General Telephone Company. They lived in Pickford until 1985 when he transferred to Grayling.

After he retired, he was a volunteer for Meals On Wheels for 10 years and also transported people to their doctor appointments for much of that time.

He enjoyed gardening, riding his bicycle, listening to music and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Diane (Richard) Hewer of Manistee, Beverly (Sheldon) Stevenson of Pickford; three sons: Jackie (Anne) Beckwith of Grayling, Daniel (Sandi) Beckwith of Weidman, Gary (Debra) Beckwith of Grayling; 14 grandchildren: Jacob (Merissa) Beckwith, Dana (Dawn) Beckwith, Nathan (LaToya) Beckwith, Danielle (fiancée, Alex Turnipseed) Beckwith, Jessica (Robert) Ward, Sydney Beckwith, Stone Beckwith, Scott Stevenson, Eric (Marie Dimartino) Stevenson, Cody Stevenson, Melissa Stevenson, Mark Beckwith, Brian Beckwith, Alyssa Beckwith; and 10 great-grandchildren, Ava, Jackson, Celeste, Korbin, Ashley, Devin, Kyla, Lyrik, and Harmoni Beckwith and Makayla Dimartino-Stevenson; brothers, Jerry Beckwith of Philo, Ohio, Bill (Barb) Beckwith of Largo, Fla., and Paul Beckwith of Zanesville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Paula Morozowsky.

A funeral service was on March 28, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, with Rev. Ann Doty conducting the service.

Interment will be in the spring at Cottle Cemetery in Marquette Township in Pickford.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements made by Reamer Galer Funeral Home, Pickford.



Lindsey N. Knowles

Lindsey Nichole Knowles, 18, of Grayling, passed away on March 29, 2009.

She was born in Gaylord, on April 15, 1990, to James Calvin and Deborah Rae (Bryan) Knowles of Grayling.

She was a loving and caring sister and aunt.

She was willing to help others. She cared about her many friends.

She enjoyed her dogs "Fitze" and "Kaylee."

She loved music, technology, photography, scrap booking and kayaking.

She was always making plans for her next piece of body art or piercing.

She is survived by her parents, Jim and Debbi Knowles of Grayling; sister, Ashley (Nick) Schreiner of Grayling; nephew, Blake Schreiner of Grayling; grandparents, Thomas (Cindy) Bryan of Ohio and Sheila (Marc) Bryan-Harland of Grayling; great-grandfather, Oscar Cheatham; uncles and aunts, Deni (Lori) Martin of Livonia, James (Dawn) Bryan of Grayling; cousins: Kassie and Jenna Bryan and Bryan (Shelley) and Kyle Martin.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Betty Mae and Charles Knowles; Aunt Nancy Knowles; and great-grandmother, Ellen Cheatham.

Visitation will be held on April 1, between 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Lindsey's Life will be held at 1 p.m. on April 2 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

In Memory of

In loving memory of Lorrie Decker - Miller, June 18, 1963 - April 5, 1993.

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles. I've only gone to rest awhile. Although my leaving caused pain and grief, my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because, I will remember you all and look on with a smile. Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while, as long as I have the love of each of you, I can live in the hearts of all of you.

Love always, mom and dad (Bill and Dee Decker), Doug and Cindy, Andrea Yanniello, Blair, Brittany, Wyatt, Travis and Ty Nelson

True A. Packman

True Allyn Packman, 81, of Frederic, passed away on March 22, 2009.

He was born in Royal Oak, on October 25, 1927, to the late Frank and Josephine (Lablanc) Packman.

He married the former Alice Jones on October 27, 1944, in Royal Oak.

He moved to the Frederic area in 1972, coming from Birmingham.

He worked at the Crawford County Road Commission both as a truck driver and a foreman.

He is survived by his wife Alice, of 64 years; sons, William R. (Dana) Packman of Tenn., Allyn C. (Barbara) Packman of Houghton Lake; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Janet Iovan and Pat Packman of Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brian Lee Packman; brother Melvin Packman and a sister, Doris Skidmore.

No public services are planned. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Mercy Hospital, 1100 Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738, in True's name.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Lisa A. Kitchen

Lisa Ann Kitchen, November 9, 1967 - March 21, 2009.

Father is James Kitchen.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 79 complaints the week of March 23 - March 29.

One EMS response, 17 general non-criminal complaints, one runaway, two false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, five larcenies, two fraudulent activities, one damage to property, four public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, two miscellaneous arrests, 19 traffic accidents, seven inspections/investigations-property, one family trouble-domestic, seven suspicious situations, four driving violations/driving while license suspended and two driving on revoked/suspended licenses.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Honors

Alma College

Summer Coe, of Grayling, and Michael Bowman, of Roscommon, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Alma College.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mmm-umc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 9:30 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

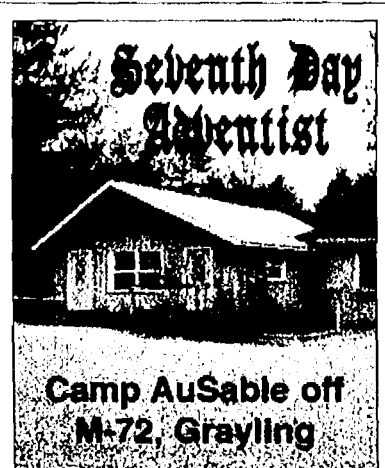
Inheritance Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
inheritancebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

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Sunday Worship 10 am

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Sunday Worship 11 am

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
(989) 348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am



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First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at tlmnd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifecenter.com
Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslife@reslife.org

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921
Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service
Midweek Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor: John Scott
705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor: David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God
Pastor: David Barker
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ex. Lutheran (WEELS)
Pastor: Douglas Carter
The Roscommon Community Center, 510
South St., Roscommon, MI
For information call (989) 821-6013
New phone number (989) 275-3070
Sunday 9 am

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Students visit the Capitol



A group of Grayling High School students visited with Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, during a trip to the State Capitol in Lansing last week. The students were participating in the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Career Technical Education and Secondary Education Showcase. Pictured here, from left to right, are Griffin Dean, Sen. Stamas, advisor Dale Forcier, advisor Darrin Hawes, Jimmy Osga, Grayling High School Principal Doniel Pummell and April Korneli.

GRA helps county fund new soccer fields

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CASA estimated it would cost \$121,000 to fully fund the two fields. Ultimately, CASA hopes to have a permanent concession stand and rest rooms, a playground area for children and walking trails for adults at the sports complex.

"I think it's fantastic that all these groups are coming together and this is going to be a long term improvement for the kids," said Jeff Steffey, a CASA board member and member of a development committee spearheading efforts for the new fields.

The county board also

recently adopted a policy to dictate activities that can take place at the county's sports complex.

The sports complex property was decided to the county by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as long as the property is used for public or recreational use.

A Crawford County Sports Complex committee, which includes Lange and County Commissioner Scott Hanson, will oversee the day-to-day decisions that need to be made regarding the property and the buildings.

The sports complex com-

mittee will make decisions on event positioning, property usage, building usage and future planning involving the Crawford County Sports Complex.

In addition, all fund raising activities taking place on the sports complex property must have prior approval by the committee.

The Grayling Little League has a ball diamond on the property and is planning on developing additional fields. The sports complex is near the Grayling High School. Finally, parents will be able to utilize the paved path adjacent to Old U.S. 27 for

walking, jogging or bicycling while their youngsters are participating in soccer practice.

Lange said county officials are open to any ideas regarding development of the property and does not foresee any issues between groups using the sports complex property and county officials.

"As more and more people are moving out there, this committee will be in place to address any issues that come up," Lange said. "All they want are fields to play on, and hopefully, we can give it to them."

Hartwick Pines gets an injection of flavor

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cent. One gallon of syrup is yielded from about 40 gallons of raw sap.

"What you're doing is boiling out the water," Kasmer said.

Park guests witnessed this process for themselves as live demonstrators operated a boiler. Kasmer also collected sap at regular intervals.

"Depending on the size of a tree, you can put one, two, sometimes three taps in a tree," Kasmer said.

There is a limited period of time when trees can be tapped to make maple syrup. The sugary sap is stored in the maple's root system during the winter and fills the tree once the ground thaws.

"As the season goes on, the sap starts to get darker," Kasmer said.

When buds start to appear on the trees, the sap turns bitter.

The basic tools for maple syrup production are not hard to acquire. Kasmer advised aspiring syrup makers to take care in correctly identifying the high-yield sugar maples.

Although these trees are virtually identical to red maples, there is one easy way to tell the difference.

"The best way is to look for the leaves," Kasmer said.

Sugar maple leaves have "U" shaped lobes, while red maples have much deeper "V" shaped lobes.

Park interpreters had some of their syrup on hand for taste testing.

According to Kasmer, this is a case where it is literally possible to taste the difference. Some of the brand-

name maple syrup sold in stores is either entirely synthetic or contains only a

small percentage of actual maple syrup.

"What's the point of that

when you can buy something that's actually from nature?" he said.



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Don't forget that any junk mail that does end up in your home can be recycled at the Grayling Township Recycling Center. Remember that it's a good idea to shred any mail that might contain sensitive personal information before recycling.

Have your own recycling suggestion? Share it with the community! Send an e-mail to comments@crawfordcountyavalanche.com or write to "Crawford County Avalanche," P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49736. Look for a new recycling tip in next week's column.

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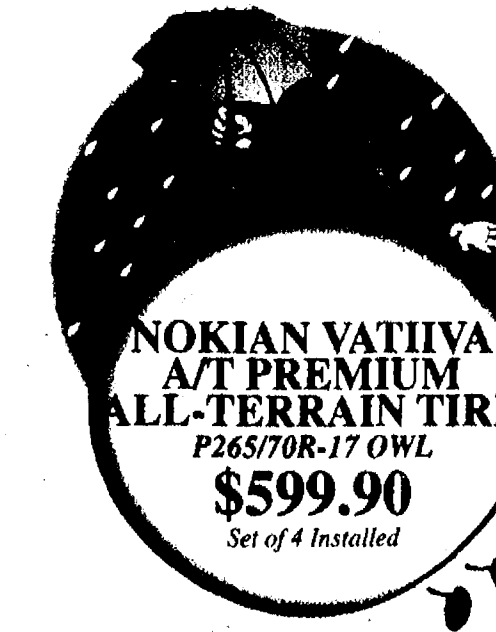
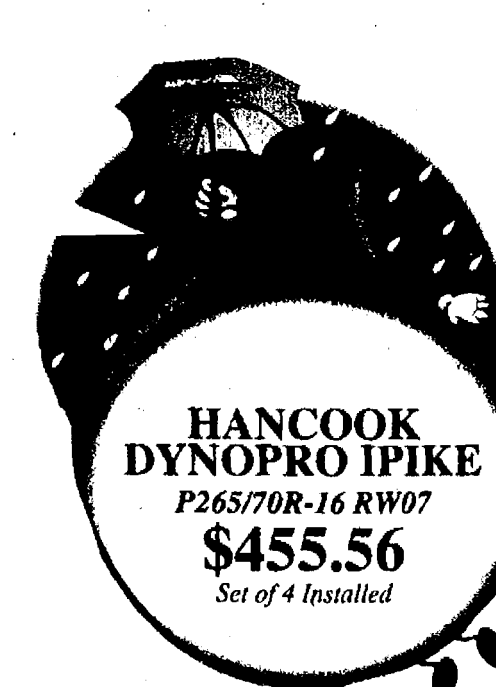
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She is the granddaughter of Jack and Joan Rasmussen and Elaine and the late Don Bobenmoyer. She is a 1993 graduate of

Grayling High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently employed by the Taupo District Council.

Robert is the son of Gary and Mary Kermode of New Zealand. He is currently employed by New Zealand Riverjet.

A September 2009 wedding is planned in Canterbury, New Zealand.

Library News

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, the library is asking patrons of all ages to express themselves and be creative. Write an original poem and enter the "Poetry Slam Competition." The rules are easy, stop by any of the branch libraries and pick up

an entry form, write an original poem (no longer than three minutes when read out loud) and turn in the entry form by Friday, April 24. Participants will be invited back in May to read their poems at the Crawford County Coffee House (Devereaux Memorial Library). Judging will be broken into specific age groups and awards will be given out accordingly. Call Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205, for more information.

"Hop into Spring" at the Lovells Township Library will be on Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. It is an Easter program that includes stories, spring planting projects and a snack. Call Connie Meyer, at 344-9343, to sign up or for more information.

Births

Serena and Adam Birk, of Mio, announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Sophia, born at Mercy Hospital on March 17, 2009, at 4:16 p.m., weighing 9 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 3 - Lunch-baked meat loaf, whole potatoes, green beans and a banana. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, April 6 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit.

Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and plums. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge and computer class, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic.

Tuesday, April 7 - Lunch - breaded cod, redskin potatoes, broccoli and fresh fruit salad. Easter Dinner - baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls and pineapple medley. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Community Garden

Friends, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Easter Dinner.

Wednesday, April 8 - Lunch - Barbecue chicken breast, stuffing, mixed vegetables, sliced carrots and an orange. Birthday Dinner - roast turkey with stuffing, boiled potatoes, winter blend vegetables, applesauce and cake and ice cream. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Commodities at St. Mary's, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. rummage sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner.

Thursday, April 9 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, wax beans and peaches. Dinner - lasagna, broccoli, cauliflower and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative Meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 4-5.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, April 3-4.

Ranges 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd., and east of the gas pipeline, April 4-5.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, April 3-8.

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Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 3-5.

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Military News

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Military News

Jason Thayer of Grayling, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Dec. 8, 2008, to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Thayer has been a member of the National Guard for seven years.

Thayer is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006.

In civilian life, Thayer works for M.A.T.E.S. in Grayling, as a surface maintenance mechanic.

Tiffany Anderson of Grayling, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Dec. 18, 2008, to the rank of Sergeant.

Anderson has been a member of the National Guard for six years. She attended basic training in 2002, at Fort Lenardwood.

Anderson is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006.

In civilian life, Anderson

works for M.A.T.E.S. of Grayling, as a wheeled vehicle mechanic.

Anderson and her husband Bruce Dale currently reside in Grayling. She is the daughter of Jerry and Toni Ann Anderson of Wakefield.

James Schwartz of Grayling, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Jan. 8, to the rank of Sergeant.

Schwartz has been a member of the National Guard for 12 years. He attended basic training in 1992, at Fort Knox.

In civilian life, Schwartz works for M.A.T.E.S. of Grayling, as a tracked vehicle mechanic.

Schwartz and his three children, Jordyn, Jenna and Austin, currently reside in Grayling. He is the son of Joe and JoEllen Schwartz of Grayling.

K. Kolka graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, military customs and courtesies, and he performed drill and ceremony marches, received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the

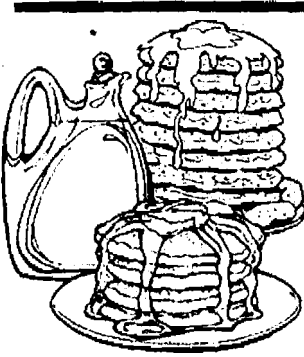


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He is the son of Betsy Berndt of Atlanta and Ted Kolka of Grayling. He is a 2008 graduate of Atlanta High School.

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Sentencings for February 2009

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Kyle August English, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 2, 2009, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,060 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Duane Allan Beck, age 50 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 10, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$250 in fines or serve 25 days in jail; placed on probation for 45 days.

Jeremiah Lee Handrich, age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay

\$920 in fines or serve 92 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Zachary Steven Carrington, age 20 of Utica - Sentenced on Feb. 17, 2009, for alcohol-purchase/consume/possess by minor; ordered to pay \$875 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 180 days.

Gerald Leon Ballinger Jr., age 35 of Frederic - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 45 days in jail; ordered to pay \$750 in fines or serve 48 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Robert Ryan Longoria, age 23 of Howard City - Sentenced on Feb. 26, 2009, for larceny less than \$200; ordered to pay \$880 in fines and \$46.03 in restitution or serve 92 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Carlos Lorenzo Ledesma, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$1,185 in fines or serve 118 days in jail; placed on probation for 362 days.

Cynthia Annette Britten, age 52 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Patrick William Ross, age 44 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for reckless driving; ordered to pay \$510 in fines or serve 51 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Elaine Hoffman, age 53 of Traverse City - Sentenced on Feb. 17, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$750 in fines or serve 75

days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Zacharie Scott Rochette, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$920 in fines or serve 92 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

William Harold Clover, age 57 of Mio - Sentenced on Feb. 10, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired and open alcohol in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$1,025 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Michael Allen Hause, age 47 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 10, 2009, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$830 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

James Alan Salewske, age 49 of Cheboygan - Sentenced on Feb. 10, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired and open alcohol in motor vehicle; ordered to serve seven days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$1,005 in fines or serve 86 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Robert Louis Scott, age 57 of Lewiston - Sentenced on Feb. 17, 2009, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$1,170 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

April May Gugin, age 36 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 10, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$420 in fines; placed on probation for 120 days.

Jarrod Lee Fulton, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 3, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$860 in fines or serve 86 days in jail; placed on probation for 122

days. Paul Matthew Snyder, age 28 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 17, 2009, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,130 in fines or serve 113 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Richard Duane Shurter III, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 11, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$340 in fines or serve 34 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Timothy Todd Thomas, age 39 of Frederic - Sentenced on Feb. 18, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Dennis Ralph Podpora, age 32 of Detroit - Sentenced on Feb. 4, 2009, for snowmobile-operate suspended/revoked/denied; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Derek James Aguiler, age 21 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Feb. 4, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Steven Everett Trollman, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Feb. 18, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

David Scott Swartz, age 41 of Flat Rock - Sentenced on Feb. 18, 2009, for snowmobile-operate suspended/revoked/denied; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

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Northern Michigan University announced that Emily Henion, of Frederic, graduated in December with a BS degree in Management of Health and Fitness.

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Temporary traffic signals rise



Photo by Dan Sanderson
Michigan Department of Transportation officials and crews from J. Ranck Electric Inc. of Mt. Pleasant erected traffic signals at the intersection of Maple Street and Michigan Avenue on Tuesday. The signals were put up this week to prepare motorists for a northbound detour for the \$4.3 million I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project. Work on the main thoroughfare through town is slated to start on Monday, April 13.

I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project has three phases

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

During stage one of the project, one southbound lane will be maintained along the east side of the Business Loop while the contractor constructs the sidewalks, utilities and roadway on the west side. Northbound traffic will be detoured onto State Street, Maple Street and Lake Street. Temporary traffic signals will be placed at Maple Street and Michigan Avenue. Parking will be prohibited on the detour route.

From June 14 to June 19, the intersection at the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 West is targeted for reconstruction and will be completely closed. Work crews will work 24 hour days. Traffic will be detoured using Michigan Avenue and Norway Street. An additional daytime closure for paving of the intersection

will be allowed the following week.

During stage two, one southbound lane will be maintained along the east side of the Business Loop while the contractor constructs the sidewalks, utilities and roadway on the west side. Northbound traffic will continue to be detoured onto State Street, Maple Street and Lake Street.

In stage three of the project, the Business Loop will open to two way traffic north of M-72 West. The contractor will complete all work from the railroad tracks through the M-72 East intersection. Traffic will be maintained using single lane closures and flag control.

Pavement for the top coat of asphalt for the entire project will be done in two days and must be completed before Sept. 25.

The fifth stage will

include restoration work, sidewalk construction, project cleanup and resurfacing of local roads used for detour routes.

For Memorial Day weekend, May 22-26, no work will be allowed. Southbound traffic will be maintained on the Business Loop and northbound traffic will be detoured using State Street and Maple Street.

For the Fourth of July weekend, July 3-6, no work will be allowed and one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on the Business Loop.

During the AuSable River Canoe Festival - July 16-26 - one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Work will halt during the AuSable River Canoe Race - July 24-26.

For the Labor Day weekend - Sept. 4-8 - work will be halted. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction.

Men Who Cook event has chef openings

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The annual Men Who Cook event takes place next month and the Grayling Chamber of Commerce is looking for a few local men to step up to the culinary challenge.

Men Who Cook is a fundraiser designed to generate revenue for Chamber of Commerce activities. This year's ninth annual event will take place at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club on May 30.

It also happens to be something of a competition. Six local culinary artists have already signed up for the event.

"There are still slots available if you're interested," said Chamber Chairman Mark Gurnow.

As of press time, there are still nine chef positions available.

Once a cook signs up for

the event, he has the potential to take home the People's Choice Award. It's just a matter of impressing the attendees with the right dish.

"We want them to bring what they do best," Gurnow said.

Last year, Crawford County District Court Judge Monte Burmeister took the top honor with a dish that allegedly included alligator and ostrich in the recipe.

Gurnow noted that thinking outside the box might be the best tactic.

"We know we have a lot of men there, so we have a lot of meat dishes," he said.

Chamber officials emphasized that potential cooks shouldn't be intimidated by the cost of cooking for a large crowd.

"The chamber assists with procuring food and covering costs," Gurnow said.

For those who would rather judge than be judged, 200 tickets are available for the event, which will also feature a raffle and a cash bar.

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MDOT lays out I-75 Business Loop schedule as residents raise concerns

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"The whole pavement has outlived its service life and has failed completely," Wahl said.

David Tallon, MDOT's design engineer for the project, said the road was initially built in 1920. In 1929, the road was widened to the current 44 feet. The road was paved with asphalt in 1948, 1969 and 1981. Areas of the roadway received "mill and fill" maintenance in 2006 and 2008 to fix ruts in the pavement.

Construction is expected to start on Monday, April 13, and last through Friday, Oct. 30.

Residents and business owners said they feared businesses would be forced to close their doors as summer tourism traffic is rerouted around Grayling and a bypass of the construction zone sends traffic through city streets instead of by I-75 Business Loop businesses and the downtown area.

"If you don't make it in June, July and August, you don't make it - period," said Dean Smith, general manager of the Ramada Inn of Grayling and coowner of AuSable Gifts.

When finished, the Business Loop will have two northbound and southbound lanes of traffic and a center-turn lane from M-72 East to the AuSable Bridge. The road will then will funnel down to one lane of northbound and southbound traffic, a center turn lane and four-foot shoulders between the traffic and sidewalks.

Wahl said the change would be better for police and emergency responders to have the dedicated turn lanes to travel in rather than being slowed by traffic or having to weave in and out of traffic.

The change to four to three lanes improves safety, reduces crashes, increases

efficiency and allows a wider turn radius for right turns. The reconfiguration also improves safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The reconfiguration increases site distance by having the dedicated middle turn lane and reduces cross conflict points at the M-72 West/Business Loop intersection from eight to four. Mid-block conflict points are also reduced by getting motorists out of a live lane of traffic, Wahl said.

"They can get completely out of the way, which will allow the traffic to flow buy while they wait to make their left hand turn," Wahl said.

Similar four to lane conversion have been done in three northern Michigan over the last 11 years. The change was made in Gaylord on M-32 from Hazel Street west to the eastern city limits in 2005. In Alpena, U.S. 23 from Eleventh Street to Thunder Bay was changed to three lanes in 1998. And in Oscoda, the lane configuration was made from the southern city limits to Pack Street last year.

According to six years of crash data compiled for the M-32 project Gaylord, 20 crashes occurred before the conversion and three crashes occurred after the conversion. That is an 85 percent crash reduction.

A 20 to 80 percent crash reduction and safety benefits is expected to occur as result of the I-75 Business Loop Project.

Grayling Township resident Barb Shepherd argued that funneling traffic down to three lanes will cause tourists and motorists to have fits.

"This area thrives on tourism," Shepherd. "I just can't see the logic in this."

"People talk about road rage all the time, and this is just going to exacerbate things and one things going

to leads to another," Shepherd added.

Wahl said the road will remain at its current width and can be changed back to four lanes if there are traffic issues.

"We have a 44-foot wide road now and we'll have a 44 foot wide road when we're done," Wahl said.

Wahl said that it is too late to put the brakes on the project since it is fully funded by federal, state and City of Grayling dollars and a contract has been awarded to M & M Excavating Inc. of Gaylord. The city is paying \$335,000 for the designing and engineering of the water and sewer mains, storm sewer mains and new Michigan Avenue traffic signal.

An alternative route for motorists wishing to bypass the project area will be available by using Four Mile Road, Military Road and M-93.

Reasonable access will be maintained to all businesses and residences at all time. Signs will be erected stating that all businesses and the downtown business district remain opened.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said he is working with a group of business owners on a local sign plan.

"If we can make it work we will," Thayer said.

Despite all those efforts, Linda Stephens, owner of Grayling AAA franchise and a Grayling Promotional Association member, said businesses owners count on people coming to Grayling to fill up with gas, patronize local restaurants, visit shops and maybe pick an attraction for their next stop in the community.

Stephens said tourists coming through town for long weekends and holidays will continue to bypass the Grayling when the project is finished.

"We'll be dead by the time that lanes are open for use anyway," Stephens said. "There won't be anyone around."

While the project is broken down into three main phases of construction, Tallon said MDOT officials were considering more extreme measures to address the complexity of the job.

"Our original thought was to shut down the whole town, get in, get out and get the work done," Tallon said.

Ken Nowicki, president of M & M Excavating Inc., said the firm has handled huge jobs in the past and feels caught in the middle of contractual stipulations and public outcry.

"We're going to do the best we can to fulfill our contract requirements and try to make it as easy as we can on the community," Nowicki said.

The roadway and utilities are expected to serve the city for the next 30 to 40 years, Wahl said.

While the roadway for the I-75 Business Loop is getting a facelift, the AuSable River Bridge will not be replaced during the project.

The bridge, built in 1926, is on the National List of Historic sites due to how it built and suspended over the AuSable River.

Grayling Township resident Wayne Koppa suggested removing the inside guard rail from the bridge to make it more aesthetically pleas-

ing. "Put that out in the country where it belongs," Koppa said.

Wahl said the bridge is not eligible to be replaced since it is not structurally deficient and is not included on a federal or state critical bridge list awaiting replacement funding. The bridge can also not be altered due to its historic status.

Cheryl Millikin, coowner of the Grayling Restaurant along with her sister Susan McCurdy, said she was concerned with shutting off sewer and water service to five downtown restaurants and the Salon Rue as tap-ins to new water and sewer mains are made. Millikin said that the only thing business owners can do is hope the work is completed in the allotted time coordinated by MDOT, city officials and the contractor.

"You never know what kind of problems they're going to run into," Millikin said.

Millikin said that business owners and will have to weather the parking inconvenience, detours and mess to better the main thoroughfare through town.

"I just feel in the end, we might struggle to get through this, but we'll be OK," Millikin said.

Rodger Welch, emergency coordinator for the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, said he had concerns about emergency vehicles being able to get through the construction zone. Wahl said that MDOT had met with police, EMS and emergency responders. Equipment will be moved by contractors and detour routes will be changed for emergencies.

Welch said that he was also concerned about the high volume of traffic and semi-tractor trailers being rerouted down city streets.

"That's an awful lot of traffic to reroute through there and I can't imagine that it's not going to be a safety hazard," Welch said.

Wahl said the contractor is required to work with city and MDOT officials on safety issues.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his deputies will be focused on keeping the roads safe and making sure people can access local businesses.

"Please stop for a moment and enjoy our community," Wakefield said. "My deputies will be out on the roads trying to keep them safe for you and your families."

Wahl said that MDOT held its first community meeting on the project in 2006. Another meeting was held last year, when the switch from four to three lanes was unveiled to the public.

"We've activity tried to engage the business community to get the concerns known and to alleviate the ones that we can," Wahl said.

Grayling Township resident Jamie Cox praised the designing and planning that went into the project. Cox, however, said the project has the potential to have a devastating impact on the community.


"I think this is going to be another finger around the throat of a town and is already struggling to survive," Cox said.

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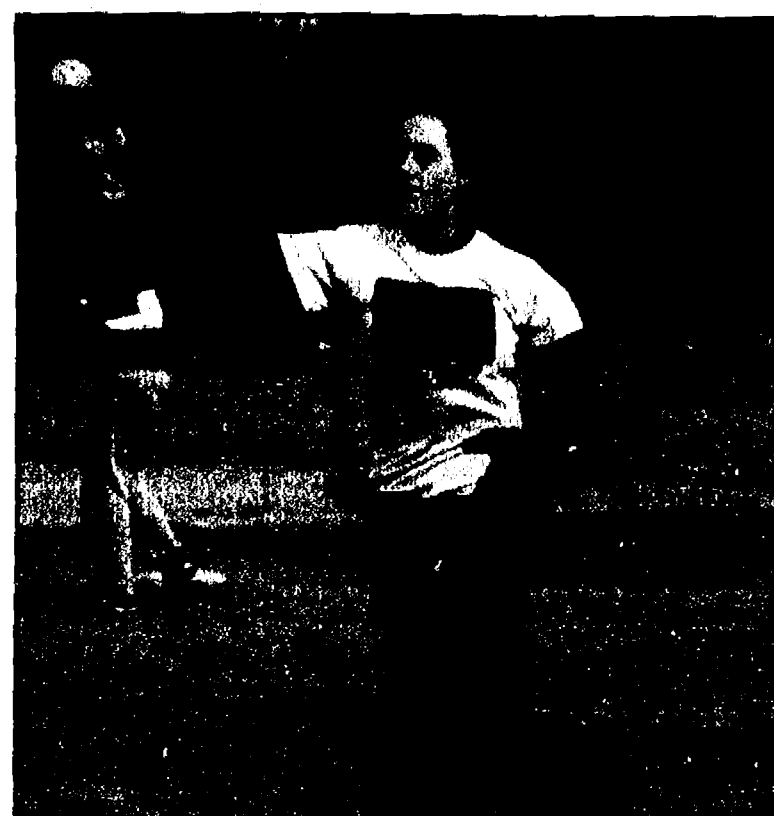
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Third baseman Cayla Johnson, left, throws the ball to home plate during an infield drill last week. Shortstop Shalee Miller, center, fields a ground ball at practice on Thursday. Pitcher Joni Bindschatel, right, throws the ball to third base.

Softball squad prepares for an early opening day

Team's strengths include 'pitching, leadership, chemistry'

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's varsity softball squad at Grayling High School – a team that has one doubleheader scheduled for this week and three series slated for the week of April 13-17 – will feature at least three players from each grade this year.

The team consists of three freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors, and four seniors. Team members include: Sam Schreiber (senior, catcher), Hannah Smith (senior, outfield), Naomi Anglemyer (senior, outfield), Nicole Metzger (senior, outfield), Joni Bindschatel (junior, pitcher/utility), Kelsey Neuberger (junior, pitcher/utility), Cayla Johnson (junior, infield), Makenna Harwood (junior, outfield), Kirstie Wakeley (sophomore, infield), Shalee Miller (sophomore, infield), Teresa Schreiber (sophomore, outfield), Andrea Malm (freshman, pitcher), Kara Malm (freshman, pitcher), and Elaine DesEnfants (freshman, first base).

Keri Brock, who's in her fifth season as head coach of the Vikings, said the strengths of this year's team include pitching depth, chemistry, and leadership from key positions.

"This is the most pitching I've ever had on one team," Coach Brock said. "We'll see **SOFTBALL SQUAD** | 2B



Second basemen Kelsey Neuberger, left, and Kara Malm, right, throw the ball during last Thursday's practice.



Soccer team focuses on 'hard work, winning every ball'

Squad has strong overall numbers with 22 players

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer team – a group that has strong overall player numbers with 22 – practiced outside for the first time last Thursday – four days before the squad's scheduled season opener.

The Vikings started their official practices on Monday, March 9, conducting their preseason workouts indoors until late last week.

During their indoor practice sessions, the team "focused on passing and dribbling, on form, how to kick the ball, understanding spacing, how to move in space," Coach Craig Cobb said.

The program has a large squad this year with 22 players.

"Twenty-two – that's a lot. We have a lot of sophomores, five seniors," Coach Cobb said. "They've got great attitudes. They're working hard. I'm looking forward to seeing the improvement we have this season."

"It's encouraging to see more of the girls coming up. The soccer program is growing. We're not just growing in numbers, we're growing in experience," Coach Cobb said. "Girls that have had travel experience in youth programs are bringing a lot to the table as far as being able to contribute, and what they can contribute."

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Rebecca Money, left, and Emily Sloan, right, battle for control of an airborne ball at practice.



Kristen Todoroff, left, chases Carlie Money, right, during a practice drill last Thursday.

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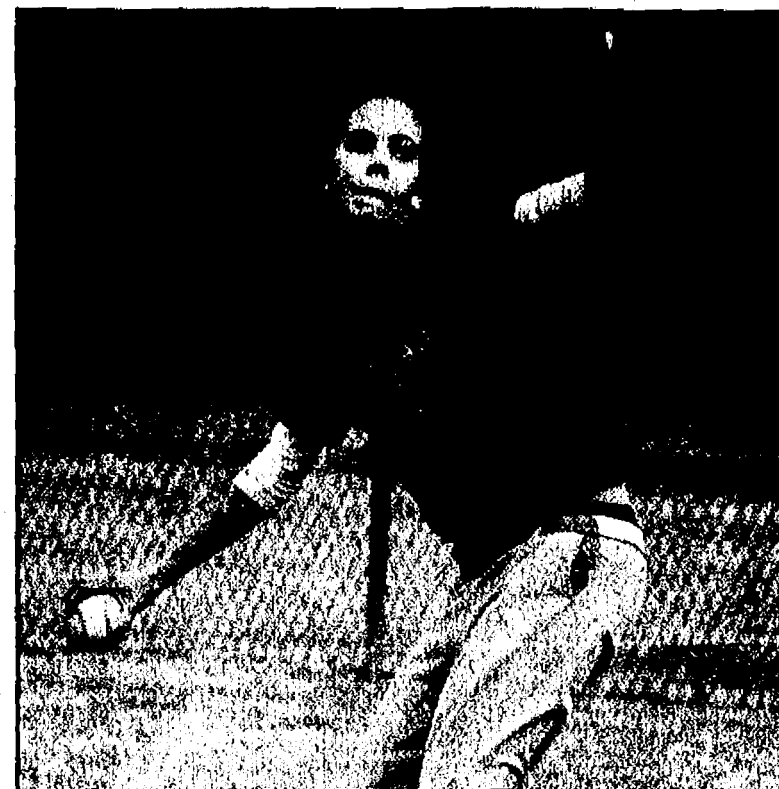
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Third baseman Kirstie Wakeley, left, applies a tag during a practice drill on Thursday. First baseman Elaine DesEnfants, right, throws the ball to home plate.

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have leadership from a pitching and catching standpoint. Sam is a four-year starter at the catcher position. Joni, this is her third year pitching offensively. She's done a lot in the offseason to make herself better."

"Team chemistry" is another one of the squad's strong points, Coach Brock said.

"All of our girls have great attitudes. They're fun to be around," she said.

The squad started its official practices on Monday, March 9. The Vikings practiced inside for the first two weeks of the preseason.

Now that Grayling High School has its new weight room operational, the old weight room's space — which now includes a new batting cage — is available for the baseball and softball teams to use during their indoor preseason practices.

"What's been really nice is having the new weight room, with upstairs being open for a new batting cage. Now we can do infield downstairs and hitting upstairs at the same time," Coach Brock said.

"So far we're really just moving people around, finding positions they're comfortable at," Coach Brock said on March 18. "We're still trying to feel out the first base position. We're still switching people in and out. We're completely replacing our outfield. All of our (starting outfielders) graduated last year, so all of our outfield will be new."

The Vikings were able to practice outside starting on Monday, March 23. The team took part in a scrimmage at Vestaburg on Friday, March 27.

Coach Brock said the squad's goals this year include "finishing in the top three in the league, compet-

ing for a district title, and winning more than 12 games. That's the most we've ever won, so we want to break that record."

The Vikings are in a different district for baseball and softball this year. The District 67-3 tournament, which will be hosted by Kingsley, will include Elk Rapids, Grayling, Kalkaska, Kingsley, Mancelona, and Suttons Bay.

"We dropped down one division, so now we're division three. That'll be nice because we won't be competing with schools that have 1,200 kids," Coach Brock said. "The problem is we moved and Kalkaska is in our district and they'll be tough."

Grayling and Kalkaska also share the same athletic league — the Lake Michigan Conference.

"Kalkaska's always a favorite in the league. After that, East Jordan will be

fairly tough this year. After that, it will be a battle between us, Charlevoix, and Traverse City St. Francis," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings have one doubleheader scheduled for this week — a series at Houghton Lake on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

"This is the earliest we've ever scheduled games. We have a game scheduled for April 1. I'm not sure if we're going to be able to play it or not because of the weather. Normally, we're not starting till the 14th or 15th," Coach Brock said.

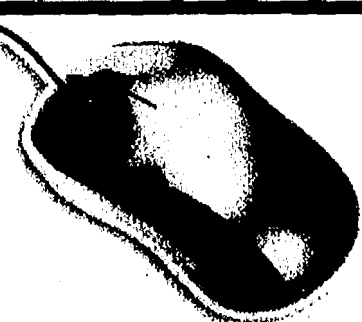
In the first week after spring break, the Vikings have three scheduled doubleheaders, including two league series. Grayling will play at Boyne City on Tuesday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. The Vikings will host Harrison on Thursday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. On Friday, April 17, Grayling will host East Jordan at 4:30 p.m.



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Soccer team focuses on 'hard work, winning every ball'

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"We've had many seasons of not winning games. I'm hoping that will change this year. This is the group to do it," Coach Cobb said. "We have a solid group of underclassmen and some seniors that have been with the program for four years."

Coach Cobb said the team's goals include "winning every ball — being first to it" and working hard during practices and games, demonstrating "what hard work would look like on the practice field and on the game field."

"Hard work, where every moment in every practice is focused on the task at hand — not a moment lost. We want to come away from every practice with nothing left," Coach Cobb said.

The Vikings had one game — a nonconference contest to be held at Houghton Lake — scheduled for this week, but the match was canceled due to snow.

Spring break for Grayling High School starts on April



Photos by Caleb Casey

Goalkeeper Ciara Summers punts a ball during a practice drill on Thursday.

3 and ends on April 13. The Vikings will resume their 2009 season with a home game vs. Charlevoix — a Lake Michigan Conference opponent — on Tuesday, April 14, at 5 p.m.

"I'm really optimistic about this season. I think we're going to see some real improvement," Coach Cobb said. "I think we're going to make some huge strides in the program."



Peggy Curriston, left, and Talia Piper, right, run laps during last Thursday's soccer practice.

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 5, 2009
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive,
Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-12-19-26-2

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Hargis Fulton aka Hargis L. Fulton, a married man and Patricia K. Fulton, his wife, as to dower interest, to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002 and recorded December 31, 2002 in Liber 614, Page 347, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five and 52/100 Dollars (\$80,955.52) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 15, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 5: A parcel of land located in the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East (recorded as South 88 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds East) 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying Easterly of line described as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying Easterly of line described as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Said easement maybe terminated by owner of Parcels 5 and 6, if road and utility easement is extended South to adjoining parcel and is no longer needed. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 12, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.4062 ASAP# 3020805 03/12/2009, 03/19/2009, 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009 -12-19-26-2

feet on either side of a line described as: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying Easterly of line described as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying Easterly of line described as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line (recorded as North 01 degree 05 minutes East) 664.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East 649.05 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds East 1230.30 feet for a point of ending. Said easement maybe terminated by owner of Parcels 5 and 6, if road and utility easement is extended South to adjoining parcel and is no longer needed. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 12, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.4062 ASAP# 3020805 03/12/2009, 03/19/2009, 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009 -12-19-26-2

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Laurel E. Laginess, an unmarried woman, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co., f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2007, and was recorded on January 30, 2007, in Liber 685 on page 94 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$80,391.37, including interest at 8.25% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and

no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Lots 5 and 6, RIVER OAKS SUBDIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

AND A 1/19 interest in a Private Walkway being more particularly described as: a part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, T25N, R2W, comm. at the SW corner of same and running thence N 02°02' W, 791.7 ft; thence S 72°12' E, 170 ft to the point of beginning; thence N 09°12' E, 341.7 ft to a point on the bank of the South Branch of the AuSable River, thence S 80°00' E along said bank, 20 ft; thence S 09°12' W, 344.5 ft; thence N 72°12' W, 20.23 ft. to the point of beginning, said description also includes all the land in the water's edge.

The real property described in this instrument includes a 1978 manufactured home and any manufactured housing described in a subsequently recorded Affidavit of Affixture.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 17, 2009
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co.
f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co.
Central MI, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.,
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574
-26-2-9-16

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by William S Ziemczyk, an unmarried man, Mortgagor, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 2nd day of October, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of December, 2001 in Liber 562 of Crawford County Records, page 421, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 64/100 (\$49,902.64), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of May, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so

much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 51 and the N 1/2 of Lot 52, Holiday Heights Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/2/2009
U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4

Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4

888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

-2-9-16-23

FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald W. Rugenstein, single, surviving joint tenant, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 554, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$78,454.55) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 29, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel Number 2 part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East (along the section line L), 570 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East, 285 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 548.80 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West 198.44 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 54.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West, 86.56 feet, thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes West, 602.50 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 26, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426.0283 ASAP# 3032311 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009, 04/09/2009, 04/16/2009 -26-2-9-16

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A VACANCY ON THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

APPLICANTS ARE TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE HOUSING STOCK FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ONLINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
MARCH 30, 2009

NOTICE Clean up of the Frederic Township Cemetery Will be as follows

The Frederic Township Cemetery will be open April 1, to April 16, 2009 for people to remove from family grave sites the flowers and ornaments they wish to keep.

The Cemetery will be closed from April 16 to May 1, 2009 for ENTIRE clean up by the Township maintenance personnel. All items left on grave sites such as flowers, wreath, grave blankets and other decorations, anything broken, rusty or unsightly will be removed and disposed of.

The Cemetery will be reopened to the public May 1, 2009.

Frederic Township Supervisor
William T. Johnson

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Warren D Bickmann Sr. an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded on February 21, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 342, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven And 58/100 Dollars (\$133,157.58), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2 and 3 and 6 feet of vacated alley of Block 3, of Martha H Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #255190F01

-2-9-16-23

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles R. Brown Jr., a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2003, and recorded on April 29, 2003 in Liber 631 on Page 57, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$84,954.70), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 51, Indian Glens of the AuSable, Unit 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311

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File #252391F01

-26-2-9-16

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn Ellen Cash aka Lynn E. Cash, trustee of the Lynn Ellen Cash Revocable Living Trust, dated February 8th 2000, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 686, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three And 71/100 Dollars (\$126,323.71), including interest at 7.32% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 21, Block 1, Oak Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County Records.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Parcel B: Lot 21, Block 1 of Oak Hill Park Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records and that part of Lot 5 and 6 of said Subdivision described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 21, Block of Oak Hill Park Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East along the South line of said Lot 6 and Lot 5, (recorded as East 100 feet) 100.20 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Block 1 of said Plat; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 07 seconds East along the East line of said Lot 5, (recorded as North 125 feet) 124.92 feet to the Southerly right of way of Summit Ave; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 13 seconds West along said Southerly right of way of said Plat 79.97 feet; thence South 05 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 69.35 feet; thence South 32 degrees 26 minutes 57 seconds West 23.53 feet; thence South 02 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds East 23.41 feet; thence South 52 degrees 56 minutes 01 seconds West 20.83 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.37 acres more or less. Subject to a temporary easement for an existing well, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 21, Block 1 of Oak Hill Park Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County Records; thence North 52 degrees 56 minutes 01 seconds East 20.80 feet; thence South 06 degrees 45 minutes 42 seconds East 33.22 feet; thence South 86 degrees 11 minutes 22 seconds West 10.23 feet; thence North 26 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds West 23.50 feet to the point of beginning. Further subject to: Restrictions, reservations, agreements and easements, if any.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2009
For more information, please call:
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File #248538F01

-2-9-16-23

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BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas J. Ellison and Julie Elaine Ellison, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004, and recorded on September 29, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 728, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five And 08/100 Dollars (\$88,765.08), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land on part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 560.00 feet along the North line of said Section 11 to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 140.58 feet; thence South 07 degrees 01 minutes 39 seconds East, 598.38 feet along the Westerly line of Railroad right of way; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 31 seconds West, 226.46 feet; thence North 01 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 594.97 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement for highway purposes over and across the Northerly 33.00 feet.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Isenhauer, A Married Man and Galch Isenhauer, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 2007, and recorded on August 29, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 316, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine And 67/100 Dollars (\$73,239.67), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 15, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 22, of original plat of the village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 12, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC L 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #251330F01

-12-19-26-2

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman E Poll and Bonnie J Poll, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 22, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 6, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four And 56/100 Dollars (\$84,284.56), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 37, Grayling Manor, Grayling Township, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #254072F01

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leonard W. Sears and Karen L. Sears, His wife, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2002, and recorded on October 29, 2002 in Liber 604 on Page 247, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-5 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Sixty-Seven And

50/100 Dollars (\$96,067.50), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, Red Pine Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 7, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #189989F02

-26-2-9-16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John G. Stephan III and Penny Stephan, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co, Mortgagee, dated December 27, 2002, and recorded on January 3, 2003 in Liber 614 on Page 625, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Nine And 62/100 Dollars (\$221,609.62), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 23, Manistee River Woods, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by SCOTT M. VANDECAS-TEELE and DEBORAH R. VAN-DECASTEELE as Mortgagors, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated November 10, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on December 6, 2006, in Liber 684 at Page 445, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$120,405.97, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.99 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

The West 460 feet of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Excepting 33 feet off the West side to be used for road right-of-way.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 5, 2009
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

-19-26-2-9

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #36

ORDINANCE TO CONFIRM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANNING COMMISSION WITH ZONING AUTHORITY

To: The residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Please take notice that a new Ordinance has been adopted by the Board on March 9, 2009, effective on the date of publication.

This Ordinance is to confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et. seq., of the Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission; provide for the powers, duties and limitations of the planning commission and repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance.

A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained or inspected at the Beaver Creek Township Offices, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738 during regular business hours or call 989-275-8878.

Sharon K. Hartman
Beaver Creek Township Clerk

City officials are advising residents and businesses that the threat of frozen services lines appears to have passed, and those letting their water run can turn the water off now. Any questions may be directed to the City Office at (989)-348-2131.

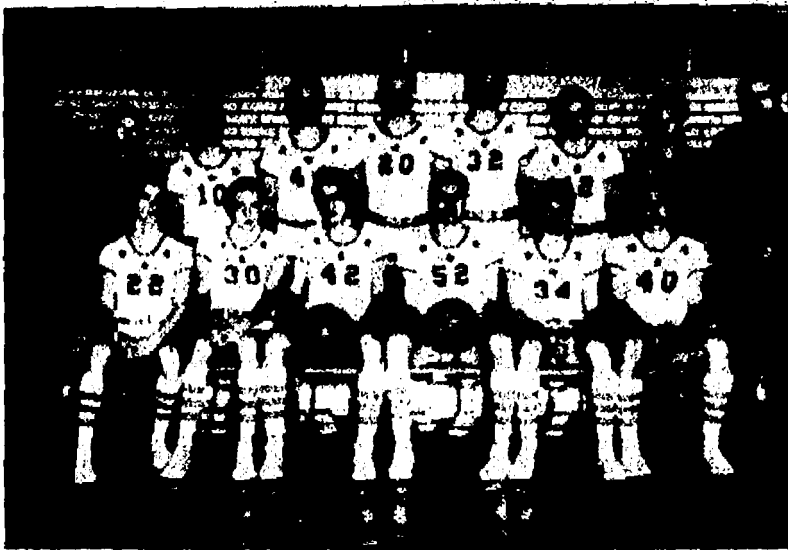
Chad Beckett

Department of Public Works
Director
City of Grayling

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 4, 1963 - The Grayling High School varsity basketball squad for the 1962-63 season set an 11 win, seven loss season. Shown here (from left to right) is: (front row) Walt Fallon, Richard Smith, Tim Neal, Tom Wright, Bill Joseph, Terry Smith; (back row) coach Bruce Smith, manager Dane Madsen, Les Halstead, Harvey Merithew, Jim Young, Steve Dawson, John Engle, manager Steve DuBois and assistant coach Don Ferguson.

23 Years Ago April 3, 1986

A group of citizens gathered on March 20 to discuss the future northerly extension of M-131 and its effect on the Grayling area economy. Another major roadway, meeting I-75 at Grayling would be of significant economic importance to the Grayling area economy. Although the future routing of M-131 has yet to be determined, the group agreed that any action taken now could persuade the state to examine the feasibility of routing the southwest Michigan highway to Grayling.

Cindy Fedewa, Toye Sheldon, Peggy Studer, Jordan Stancil, Jenny Smith,

Angie Thompson and Jenny Naour were named the Grayling Middle School spelling champions for 1985-86.

Arthur Paul Kerle, D.D.S., a 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan's Dental School, opened an office in Grayling on April 1. Dr. Kerle has a lifelong acquaintance with the Grayling area, having spent summers here since childhood.

Local ordinances dealing with nude dancing and minors drinking in private homes are not needed because state laws are adequate and easier to enforce, Prosecutor John Huss told Crawford County Commissioners. Two county residents had requested

adoption of local ordinances preventing nude dancing and making adults responsible for minors drinking on their property. The county commissioners asked the prosecutor for his opinion on the two issues and Huss said he could not recommend adopting a local ordinance for either one.

46 Years Ago April 4, 1963

The Grayling High School junior varsity team finished second in the Northern Class C conference this year with a record of 12-4. The team members are Terry Wright, Walt Nielsen, Eddie Robertson, Dan Feldhauser, Curt Feldhauser, Frank Schmidt, Bob Stampf, Bill Tinker, Don Merithew, Bob Millikin, Peter Funck, Arthur Wakeley, Kyle Slusser, Mike Gorman, George Stancil and Bob Smock. They were coached by Don Ferguson and Bruce Smith. The managers were LeRoy Neal and Jon MacLeod.

Don's Standard Service on Cedar Street is the newest business building in Grayling. Besides continuing his usual service station business, owner Don Legg will handle a complete line of all types of sporting goods which will be housed in the right side of the building.

69 Years Ago April 4, 1940

The house on the property

on Cedar Street that Amos Hunter recently purchased is being razed and contractors will soon begin building an up-to-date creamery building. Mr. Hunter bought the property of Miss Florence Taylor, who owned it for years. She said it was built by John Hadley over 50 years ago and was the home of his family for years.

There was a lot of Grayling people who were driving to Traverse City this weekend to see "Gone with the Wind," which has a week's engagement at a theatre there.

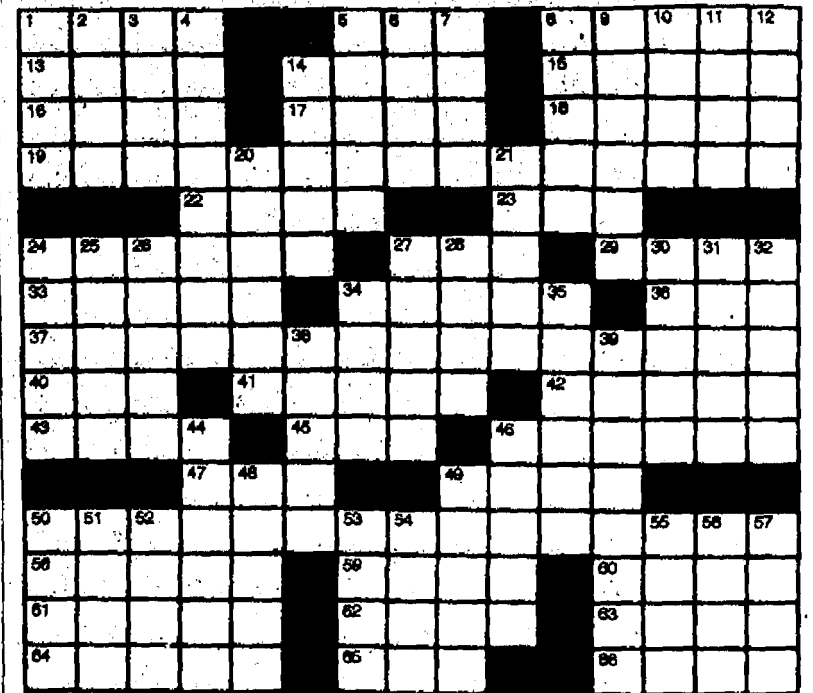
Not until the year 2380 will there be another early Easter, a Michigan editor discovered. Easter came the earliest this year of any time since 1799, on March 24. Easter comes the first Sunday after the first full moon following March 20. So, March 20 is the earliest it could possibly be.

92 Years Ago April 5, 1917

Elnor Rasmussen has accepted a position at the Salling Hanson Company planing mill as a foreman.

Teddy Callahan had the highest average on examinations in the sixth grade at the Frederic School. Maggie Gendron had the highest in the fifth grade and Ivan Cameron had the highest in the fourth grade.

Andrew Cholo moved to his farm Thursday, which he recently purchased from R. Gile of Beaver Creek.



Across

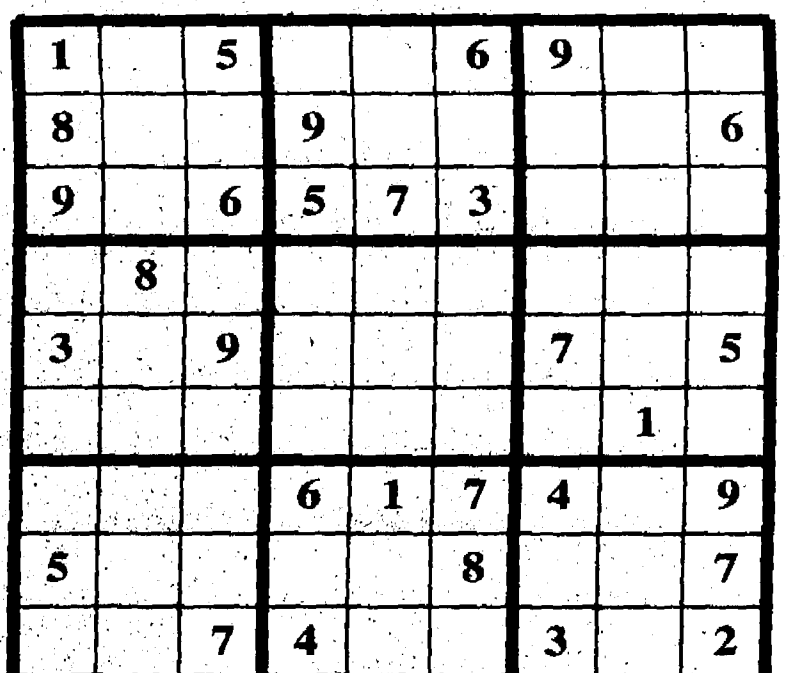
1. Bakery buy
5. Air letters?
8. Coffee order
13. Fishing, perhaps
14. "Pumping"
15. Elite military unit
16. Asian tongue
17. liquor
18. Edge
19. Dividing words into syllables
22. Overabundance
23. "Rocky"
24. Turned into
27. Head, for short
29. Catch, as files
33. A Muse
34. Issue
36. Anger
37. Home economics
40. Clairvoyance, e.g.
41. Church donation
42. Statues of a naked human figure
43. Bank
45. Discouraging words
46. Park, Calif.
47. roll
49. Audition tape
50. Strong tissue papers that burn evenly
58. Belittle
59. Final notice
60. "American"
61. Donnybrook
62. Cut
63. fruit
64. Elevate
65. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
66. Convene

Down

3. "Get _!"
4. Follow at a dangerously close distance
5. Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.
6. Real howler
7. The "A" of ABM
8. Kenyan tribesman
9. Inflammation of the ear
10. Basic unit of money in Ghana
11. Toroidal shape
12. "Absolutely!"
14. Permeate
20. Nearly
21. Kind of duty
24. Moisture
25. Jagged, as a leaf's edge
26. Temporary living quarters
27. Long narrow inlets of the sea in Scotland
28. line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
30. Yogi's language
31. Like a rainbow
32. "Silly" birds
34. Josip Broz, familiarly
35. Auteur's art
38. Bit of color
39. Bivalent and trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group
44. Prickly plant
46. Profundity
48. Receive
49. Thomas Jefferson, religiously
50. Amounted (to)
51. Surefooted goat
52. Apple variety
53. Forum wear
54. Alpine transport
55. Halftime lead, e.g.
56. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
57. Buttonhole, e.g.

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 2, 2009

Capricorn
December 22-January 19
You finally find the impetus to break out of your relationship rut this week. An employment opportunity may be too good to pass up.

Aries
March 21-April 19
Look within, Aries, and find the courage to forgive another. They truly are sorry, even though they haven't said so. This is one relationship you don't want to lose.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Mix it up at a party, Cancer, and you might just learn a thing or two. Communication dwindles at work. It's up to you to step in and play the link between parties.

Libra
September 23-October 22
Talk is cheap these days at work. Pay no heed to the chatter around you, Libra. The answer to your dilemma is right in front of you. A mix-up at home strikes your funny bone.

Aquarius
January 20-February 18
Your assumption about someone is correct, but don't pry too much, Aquarius, or you could end with more than you bargained for. Hope rises with a note.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Cheer up, Taurus. All is not lost at home. Continue your efforts, and life will be rosy again. Time to tie up loose ends at work and get out of dodge for a while.

Leo
July 23-August 22
Listen up, Leo. Your pride is getting in the way of a special relationship. Stop putting off what needs to be done. A financial mistake turns out in your favor.

Scorpio
October 23-November 21
You wish for more free time is granted. Use it for pleasure, not work. Scorpio: Life will get hectic again before you know it. A young neighbor reneges a favor.

Pisces
February 19-March 20
Advice is golden. Listen to what your mentor has to say. Pices, and you can't go wrong. A friend receives good news on the home front. Congratulate them.

Gemini
May 21-June 21
Play your cards right at work, Gemini, and you may just get that promotion you were hoping for. Your perfectionist tendencies at home are given their due.

Virgo
August 23-September 22
Dig deep, Virgo, and you will manage to pull off the impossible. Overlook a social faux pas at a business event. This is not the time for critique.

Sagittarius
November 22-December 21
Fast, Sagittarius. The tide is turning at home. Make the most of the opportunity. A furry friend tugs at your heart. Give in! An old friend has some startling news.

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

Gemma

Gemma is a beautiful little 8-month-old Pit Bull mix. She is very small so we are not actually sure about her actual breed mixture. This is a confident, affectionate and happy chocolate-colored puppy. Gemma likes other dogs and does well with cats. She has been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped so all she needs now is a good home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

**DINNER IN 30 MINUTES.
WITH THESE EASY STEPS!**

CHEESY BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (6 oz.) stuffing mix for chicken

1 cup cheese dip

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup

2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen broccoli florets, thawed, drained

Directions: Heat oven to 350°F. Prepare stuffing as directed on package, using only 3 Tbsp. margarine. Mix remaining ingredients in 2-qt. baking dish; top with stuffing. Bake 30 min. or until heated through.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow inches
3/24	39	16	0
3/25	47	29	0
3/26	55	38	0
3/27	47	28	0
3/28	43	25	0
3/29	43	25	3
3/30	31	24	2

Extended Forecast
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 47	High 48	High 48	High 50	High 50	High 44
Low 28	Low 26	Low 30	Low 29	Low 26	Low 27
Partly Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

BIRDS BY GARY OWEN

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Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

For Rent

SMALL 2 BEDROOM HOUSE in Grayling. \$525 a month plus utilities and security deposit. No pets. References necessary. For more information phone 989-619-9689. (-2-9/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-2/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

2 BEDROOM HOUSE 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$460 a month plus deposit. Small pets welcome. Call 231-275-6887. (-2/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

FULLY FURNISHED 800 sq. ft. home near Camp Grayling at Lake Margrethe, daily, weekly, monthly, spotless clean, temporary workers, vacation. Call 989-348-8627. (-12-19-26-2/2)

MOBILE HOME AND CABINS at Lost Acres. 1 room cabin #1, \$275, free utilities. 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities. 11004-11010 N. Old US 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or Mike at 231-590-3699. (3/19/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 1 and 2 bedroom apartments located in town. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-26-2/2)

3. Employment

INSTALLATION TECHS Seeking hard working, flexible individuals with strong customer service focus to install DIRECTV satellite systems. Must have own van/truck/SUV, pass background check, drug screen, possess an acceptable MVR, be comfortable with heights and exposure to outside weather conditions. Full benefits, paid training, and free satellite TV. Call 866-512-5220 or apply online: <http://jobs.multibandusa.com> Drug Free Workplace EOE

For Rent

RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS Hannah and Ballenger Street in Roscommon has 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by eligible applicants. Rent is based on income. Laundry and play areas on site. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-2/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-12-19-26-2/2)

3. Employment

For Rent

5 BEDROOM 2 BATH with central air, all appliances and no pets. \$700 monthly, first and last plus \$500 security deposit. 6464 N. Old 27, Frederic. 248-310-0761. (-26-5-12-19-26-2/2)

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, two car garage. Partly furnished, available in June. \$700 per month, one year lease and no pets. 248-701-2026 or 239-495-7545. (3/26/09tf/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX with utilities, \$450. 2 bedroom duplex, \$550. 348-5230. (-26-2-9-16/2)

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8 Announcements

HEADS UP NORTH is donating salon services on Saturday, April 11. All proceeds go to benefit the family of Lindsey Knowles. Call for an appointment, 348-7890. Walk-in's welcome. (-2/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/tf/8)

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8 Announcements

TAN FOR LINDSEY Lindsey Knowles (18), daughter of Debbie and Jim Knowles of Grayling, unexpectedly passed away in her sleep Sunday, March 29th. Lindsey was a wonderful young girl, a great friend and a loyal client to us here at Tahiti Tans. On behalf of us here, we would like to ask our clients to help the family and participate in our "Tan for Lindsey Day," Saturday, April 4th. We will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be asking for a small donation instead of the cost of your tan. Every penny donated here that day, including hair services, will be given to the Knowles family to help with the funeral costs. One of Lindsey's favorite things to do was hang out with us at Tahiti Tans and this is our way to give back to her. So please help us out and come together as a community and help Lindsey and her family in this time of need. Thank you, Jamie, Ashley and Chelsea, 6264 W. M-72 Highway, 989-344-8454. (-2/8)

8 Announcements

BOOK FAIR Save up to 70% off retail n books and gifts, including Michigan titles. Thursday, April 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, April 3rd, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the Education building behind Mercy Hospital. Sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. (-26-2/8)

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CITY OF GRAYLING Announcement!

Spring is in the air and the snow is slowly, but surely melting away. That means it is getting closer to spring cleanup time. We are asking all residents once the snow is gone and entrance to the cemetery is viable, to please make an effort to remove all winter adornments from the grave sites to allow for spring cleanup to begin. We will not begin spring cleanup prior to April 20th, 2009. This should be adequate time to allow for the removal of all personal property from the cemetery. This does not include heavy metal hanging brackets, heavy wooden signs or items alike. Please remember that our leaf blowers and mowers have the tendency to blow items off the head stones and we cannot guarantee that any light items left will not be disposed of. Residents will be able to replace the items after May 15th, 2009. This would allow for graves to be adorned by the memorial weekend. The city would like to thank all the residents for their understanding and cooperation during this spring cleanup process. Please contact the cemetery Sexton with questions or concerns in regards to this announcement.

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6. Automobiles

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LEE Congratulations on your first place win in the Klondike this past Saturday. We love you and are very proud of you. Love, your family. (-22/8)

MIP and anger management programs. **GRACE** Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

8. Automobiles

SPRING IS COMING At Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. We can help you design a grave marker that reflects the memory of your loved one. Call us at 989-348-2951 or check out available options at www.sorensonlockwood.com. (-26-2/9/8)

FLOWERS **BY JOSIE/Thanks A Latte'** presents open mic night. Friday, April 3rd, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please join us for another great evening. Anyone wanting to perform, please come early. Everyone is welcome. We will have drinks, pizza, soup and desserts. (-26-2/8)

8. Automobiles

WATERSHED ART PROJECT'S 2nd Annual Partnership Rendezvous will be held Saturday, April 4th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 203 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Fine artists and community leaders invited to attend for discussion of business of fine art and its relevance to the area. Guest speaker. Please RSVP to Marcia at 348-2933. (-26-2/8)

TO WHOEVER it may concern, Lorrie S. Ayers is changing her name back to Ardeth Loehr Selby Ayers. (-2-9/8)

10. Garage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE Wednesday, April 8, at Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Many unique items. (-5/10)

11. Automotive

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MCLEAN'S ACE HARDWARE is having a spring cleaning garage sale, April 3-5. Clearance sales! Special pricing! Free snacks and prizes! (-2/10)

11. Automotive

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Bowling Leagues

Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Rosco... 67 - 31
Last Call... 64 - 34
Legion... 53.5 - 44.5
L & L Hauling... 53.5 - 44.5
McDonald's... 49 - 49
Double Trouble... 40 - 58
Canadian Steak... 39 - 59
Miller Spillers... 26 - 72
High Series Women: C. Osborne, 493; S. Johnson and M. Cole, 482. High Game Women: M. Cole, 180; C. Osborne, 178; S. Leas, 169. High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 656; P. Benardo, 642; S. Pittman, 548. High Game Men: G. Mastroeni, 268; P. Benardo, 226.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Three Amigos... 28.5 - 15.5
Bill's Harem... 28.5 - 15.5
Misfits... 28 - 16
Rosebuds... 23 - 21
Pin Slayers... 18.5 - 25.5
Ladybugs... 18 - 26
Snow Tops... 16.5 - 27.5
Casino Burns... 15 - 29
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 468; I. Cosgray, 465; B. Wotring, 464. High Game Women: A. Stanley, 180; N. Clark, 178; I. Cosgray, 164. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 585; B. Hollis, 519; S. Green, 472. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 201; S. Green, 190; B. Hollis, 183.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Team Shocker... 69 - 22
Spikes #2... 57 - 34
Salon Rue... 55 - 36
Hard Balls... 47 - 44
Spikes #1... 40 - 51
Growlers... 35 - 56
AJD... 32 - 59
GrayRock Cafe... 29 - 62
High Series Men: L. Ostrowski, 641; T. Sheldon, 600; P. Faustman, 586. High Game Men: T. Sheldon and L. Ostrowski, 234; P. Faustman, 210. High Series Women: A. Ray, 517; C. Sheldon, 466; L. Mead, 447. High Game Women: A. Ray, 191; C. Sheldon, 189; L. Mead, 178.

Senior League

Dana Transport... 34 - 18
Spikes... 29 - 23
Gaylord Electric... 28 - 24
Flowers By Josie... 28 - 24
Bear's Den Pizza... 25 - 27

Kicking Grass... 24 - 28
Sylvester's Sports... 20 - 32
Lone Pine... 19 - 33
High Series Women: C. Clark, 504; M. Ryso, 466; H. Stairs, 457. High Game Women: C. Clark, 193; H. Stairs, 171; M. Ryso, 169. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 540; P. Faustman, 479; J. Rasmussen, 477. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 211; J. Rasmussen, 202; P. Faustman, 192.

Recreation League

Legion... 27.5 - 20.5
GMH-NCC... 25 - 23
Robin Smith CPA... 25 - 23
Days Inn... 25 - 23
TNT Charter... 24 - 24
Woody Girls... 24 - 24
Glen's Market... 24 - 24
Nursing Center... 17.5 - 30.5
High Series: K. Wheeler, 512; S. Johnson, 503; P. D'Amour, 502. High Game: K. Wheeler, 218; S. Johnson, 190; P. D'Amour, 188.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest... 35 - 17
Eagles Nest... 35 - 17
Legion... 29.5 - 22.5
Ole Dam... 29.5 - 22.5
T.C. Lawncare... 24 - 28
5 B's... 24 - 28
Ball Busters... 18 - 34
Tim's Collision... 13 - 39
High Series: K. Kroell, 539; J. Cousins, 534; J. Coors, 530. High Game: J. Cousins and L. Rutter, 223; K. Kroell, 207.

American Men's League

GADCO... 35 - 14
Sky Ripper... 35 - 14
McLean's Ace... 33 - 16
Moore's Auto... 28 - 21
McNamara Ford... 22 - 27
Dragon Repair... 19 - 30
Fenton's Auto... 18 - 31
High Series: P. Benardo, 616; J. Thayer, 572; T. Kotrash, 560. High Game: D. Henning, 222; T. Kotrash, 222; P. Benardo, 218.

National First

GADCO... 47 - 23
Primary Electric... 38 - 32
Continental Rental... 37 - 33
Pittman Bld... 35 - 35
Hagerman Const... 31 - 39
High Series: P. Benardo, Sr., 608; M. D'Amour, 593; J. Thayer, 590. High Game: J. Thayer, 251; P. Benardo, Sr., 225; M. Barr, 224.

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